



November 16, 2012

Ms. Jeanne Briskin,  
Hydraulic Fracturing Research Coordinator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Science Policy  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW MC 8104R  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Study of Hydraulic Fracturing and Drinking Water

Dear Ms. Briskin:

Thank you for your November 9, 2012 letter. It is clear to ConocoPhillips Company that the EPA has thoughtfully considered the concerns that we have raised. We hope that it is equally clear to the EPA that we share your goal of producing an accurate and useful report. I appreciate your invitation to continue this dialogue, and welcome any opportunity to share our views on wellbore integrity and drinking water protection.

Specifically as to ConocoPhillips Company's Confidential Business Information claims, we believe that the proposed solution of allowing us to review the scatter plot diagrams that depict any of our information that we've claimed as CBI is workable and appropriate. We will quickly review and respond to any such diagrams provided.

Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Les Sinclair".

Les Sinclair  
Chief Drilling Engineer

cc: Susan Sharkey, EPA